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SUBJ: NON-CELEBRATION OF JERBA DECLARATION IN
TUNISIA

REF: TRIPOLI 48, TUNIS 7899

1. GOT HAS IGNORED "HISTORIC EVENT" OF FIRST ANNIVERSARY
OF SIGNING OF TUNISIA-LIBYA UNITY DECLARATION AT JERBA.
NEITHER MEDIA NOR OFFICIALS HAVE MADE ANY PUBLIC REFERENCE
TO IT. EARLIER THIS MONTH, PRESS CARRIED DAY-BY-DAY
RECAPITULATION OF MOST IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS OF 1974,
OMITTING JERBA DECLARATION COMPLETELY. ONLY REFERENCE
TO IT WAS MENTION OF "PARTIAL CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT"
ON JANUARY 14 WHEN FOREIGN MINISTER MOHAMED MASMOUDI
LOST HIS JOB. IN CONTRAST TO DOWNPLAYING OF RELATIONS
WITH LIBYA, RECAPITULATION OF 1974 DEVELOPMENTS
GAVE GREAT ATTENTION TO WARM RELATIONS WITH ALGIERA.

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2. MOST RECENT GOT PUBLIC STATEMENT ON TUNISIA-LIBYAN

RELATIONS IS FOREIGN MINISTER CHATTI'S DECLARATION TO

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (TUNIS 7899) IN WHICH HE CHARACTER-
IZED THEM AS "FROZEN.) WE UNDERSTAND GOT HAS BEEN
CONCERNED OVER ANTICIPATED LIBYAN ATTEMPT TO EXTEND
ITS CELEBRATION OF ANNIVERSARY OVER BORDER, BUT WE
HAVE HAD NO REPORTS OF ANY PROBLEMS WHICH MAY HAVE
ARISEN AT RAS JEDIR OR OF ANY OTHER LIBYAN ACTION HERE
OTHER THAN RADIO TRIPOLI TREATMENT OF ISSUE.
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